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20	Rajasthan	2097560
21	Sikkim	NR
22	Tamil Nadu	2737921
23	Tripura	397798
24	Uttar Padesh	7541494
25	West Bengal	4918396
26	A&N Island	6421
27	D & N Havelli	17231
28	Daman & Diu	395
29	Lakshadweep	885
30	Pondichetty	63262
TOTAL		555,70,998

Source: Ministry of Rural Development

NR- Not Reported

Estimates are based on BPL census-1997

Scrapping of Central Schemes

3126. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are considering scrapping of any Central Scheme in the eleventh Five Year Plan; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) Schemes are discontinued on the basis of Zero Based Budgeting (ZBB) exercise. The primary purpose of ZBB exercise is to ensure convergence, efficiency and efficacy of schemes according to Plan objectives and priorities and also the use of available resources in the most judicious and economically efficient manner. Such an exercise is done regularly.

Norms for Infrastructure Projects

3127. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether norms for infrastructure projects being implemented under public-private partnership are being changed to encourage only serious private investors;

(b) if so, whether Government agencies are conducting a project risks assessment that must spell out the probability of the project being completed on time and generating sufficient cash flows to service debt; and

(c) if so, by what time final decision for norms being changed for infrastructure project would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) There is no change in the norms for infrastructure projects being implemented under public-private partnership.

(b) PPP Appraisal Committee under the chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs examines the project proposals which includes an assessment of risk allocation.